

Election Date Set—May 5th Vote for Rabbi, Officers & Board

Sunday, May 5 marks the date of what promises to be Sha'ar Zahav's most significant Congregational Meeting since the May 1983 meeting when we voted to buy our building. The Va'ad voted at their April 8 meeting to accept the recommendations of the Rabbi Search Committee and to formally present to the Congregation for approval the name of a very exciting rabbinical candidate. Many members of the Congregation met the rabbi when he was here in early April for interviews; details are included in the Congregational Meeting materials sent to all members. So plan on attending the meeting for this most important vote in our Congregation's life.

And if that wasn't enough, there will be elections of officers and five Va'ad members. The 1985-86 budget will be presented to the Congregation for approval, as will several Bylaw amendments. Finally, the meeting will include reports from many committees on their present and future activities.

Following the business session, we'll also have a chance to chat, share the latest installments from the days of our lives, and celebrate the future.

See you there.

Slate of Candidates

May 5 Meeting

President: Don Albert

Vice President: Leslie Bergson

Recorder: Richard Inlander

Va'ad: Allyce Kimerling

Garry Koenigsberg

Shirley Liberman

Irene Ogus

Mike Rankin

WANTED: A Few Good Volunteers

At the heart of any successful organization are people willing to give both money and time. Our synagogue is no different in its needs.

With policies settling in and plans abounding, the Building Committee needs the help of those interested in shaping our building's physical future.

The Education Committee has started the ball rolling with several successful programs. Input and people are sought to help plan additional activities for the coming summer and fall seasons.

The Women's Havurah and our Brotherhood both need people to plan and coordinate their many events.

Social action is a major portion of our

synagogue's commitment to its community. Now the committee that oversees our activities and monitors such activities throughout the world needs additional members.

The office too, could use some additional hands. Volunteers willing to commit their assistance for photocopying projects, letters of acknowledgement and congregational mailings would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, our Oneg Committee of one could use an assistant to prepare and set out fruits and other non-caloric delights.

To express your interest, call either the committee chair or Marilyn at 861-6932.

Lecture Series

The Sephardic Experience

From the period of the writing of the Babylonian Talmud to the establishment of the State of Israel, a large Jewish community has flourished in Iraq. This country's Jewish scholars formed the nucleus of the Sephardic traditions of the Arabic world, which, in the Middle Ages, stretched from the Fertile Crescent of the Near East to the Iberian peninsula.

On Tuesday evening, May 21st, at 8 p.m., Professor Daniel Khazoom will explore this part of the Sephardic world with us. Dr. Khazoom left Iraq after completing high school to study in Israel and then completed his graduate studies at Harvard. An international authority on energy modeling, he is currently teaching in the Economics Department of Berkeley and has been in the Bay Area for nine years, including two and a half years as a visiting scholar at Stanford. Professor Khazoom can easily trace his family back over 350 years in Iraq; his sister and cousin were only able to leave the country in 1973. His family's history, and the significant cultural and religious role of the Iraqi Jewish community, will be offered as the third presentation in our 1985 Lecture Series.

Many of us, who are Ashkenazic Jews, accept the definition of Sephardic Jewry as having been based in the Iberian peninsula. In fact, it was in response to the invitation of the Spanish Caliphs that the Talmudic academies of Baghdad relocated to the flourishing cities of Moorish Spain. The expulsion of the Jews from Spain and the eclipse of the power of the Arab world ended an era of great richness in Jewish philosophy, teaching and writing. This community, as Dr. Khazoom will tell us, although reduced to a mere remnant in Iraq, continues many of its traditions as part of the social fabric of the people of Israel. As with our previous lectures, the community is welcome and there will be no admission charge.

National Journal Features CSZ Liturgy

An article by Garry Koenigsberg and Mike Rankin on Sha'ar Zahav's liturgy has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of *The Journal of Reform Judaism*, the official journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Samuel Stahl, editor of the journal, referred to the article as sensitive, informative and thought-provoking. Garry and Mike do not disagree. Included in the article are excerpts from our *Sidur* and *Machzorim*, with a discussion of how and why the prayers were written. *The Journal of Reform Judaism* is received by every rabbi who is a member of the CCAR, by all Jewish libraries and many lay leaders in the U.S. and Canada.

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Members of the Congregation receive *The Forward*. For a donation of \$10/year, nonmembers will receive *The Forward*.

All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due on the 10th of the month. It should be sent to the Synagogue office, marked to the attention of *The Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Alex Ingersoll (editor); Bob Goldware, Stephanie Hannaford and Irene Ogus (editorial and production); Allan Berenstein, David Gass, Frank Hyman, Ben Schalit, Barry Siegel, Sam Thal and Alita Rosenfeld (distribution). *The Forward* is typeset by En Character.

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President's Column

May 1985: the 11th month of my presidency. Time flies when you're having fun! But what should the president write about in her penultimate column? How about the supremely important upcoming Congregational meeting which will include a vote on the new rabbi... on that topic suffice it to say, "Y'all come, hear!" What about committee work and special events... yes, and don't you forget it! What about our soon-to-be-acted upon building renovation plans for the upstairs... mazel tov and it's about time! But something else entirely is on my mind these days, and for a very personal reason.

A few weeks ago my eldest sister was arrested in New York. She was hauled off in a paddy wagon, frightened and proud, taken to the station house, fingerprinted and booked; for the first time in her life charged with committing a crime. By prearrangement, she and many other Jews took "the extra step" and became illegal demonstrators at the Soviet embassy where many hundreds were protesting Soviet treatment of Jews. The charges are not token; they will not be dismissed. Her trial is scheduled in the next few weeks; she is sure to be found guilty. She wants it that way, as do all the others arrested with her. And it was all orchestrated by her synagogue and several others in the New York area. Is my sister particularly brave or special? I think so, but then I'm her "kid sister." In reality, though, something is special about her. What is it? She has that quality historically present in Jews as a people, that which demands social justice, that considers it a moral imperative to be conscious of that which is right and demand that it be done. I am very proud of her in exactly the same way that I am very proud to be a Jew.

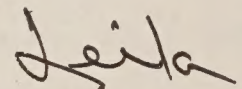
But this column is not about my sister; it is about Jews and social justice. It is about Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and our commitment to social justice. We are committed to social justice and have, since our earliest days, acted on our convictions. We have much of which to be proud. There is much more we need to do! We have not, dear friends, taken "the extra step." We have played it safe with regard to most of the issues we have addressed and the actions we have taken. We have been so careful to maintain politically neutral positions that we have virtually gagged ourselves. What are we afraid of? Early in our history I suspect we were wary of stirr-

ing up adversaries and enemies. Later we developed an unwillingness to foment controversy among our membership; after all, no position we take on any issue will satisfy everyone. Playing it safe has become a habit. I submit to you that it is a very bad habit. It is worse for our moral well-being than smoking is for our lungs.

I am pretty middle-of-the-road politically; I know there are members of Sha'ar Zahav well to the left of me and many well to the right. I believe that is not the important matter. The important matter is that we are all caring, concerned, committed persons of good will. We are dedicated to remaining open to learning the truths in the world around us and acting in accordance with our convictions. We are killing our oceans, turning the very air we breathe to poison, showing cruel disregard for the other creatures who share this planet with us, to say nothing of the heinous acts—on the individual and global level—that humans perpetrate against each other daily. There are enough bombs to kill each of us hundreds of times over. There is enough hate and suspicion to wither every soul in the universe.

In the scheme of things silence is taken as assent. We must ask ourselves, to what are we agreeing by our silence? What is the benefit of our silence, and what are the costs? "By three things is the world preserved: by truth, by judgment, and by peace... the day is short and the work is great..."

Shalom,



Classified Ad

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Passover Contributions

Each year, we are able to offset the expenses of our Congregational Seder through the generous contributions of several individuals. These contributions cover many of the non-food extras, and also provide subsidies for those who find the cost prohibitive. This year the following donors stepped forward to make our Passover more enjoyable.

Our thanks for providing subsidies go to:

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Telia Chalmers & Melange Matthews
Laurie Davis
Jon Funk
Don Gordon
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Garry Koenigsberg, in honor of
Daniel Ortega, President of
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Ron Lezell
Janice Macomber
Mike Rankin
Terry Rothchild
Ben Schalit
Michael Silver
Nancy Snow
Sam Thal

Our thanks for providing wine go to:

Eric Keitel
Ron Lezell
Jerry Rosenstein
Terry Rothchild
Sharyn Saslafsky
David Stein & Alex Ingersoll, in
thankfulness for their father's
recovery
Sam Thal

And our thanks for providing flowers go to:
Walt Leiss

Many persons are also responding to the special "Maos Chitim" appeal at Passover (see article in this issue). A list of those donors, plus a detailing of the disbursement of that fund, will appear in an upcoming issue of *The Forward*.

Such A Seder!

About 150 members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav gathered on April 6 for our traditional Second Night Seder at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn. Thanks to all those who helped make it possible, including Don Albert, Marilyn Hertzberg and Shirley Liberman. Thanks also to our Ritual Committee, especially Leslie

Bergson, Daniel Chesir, Garry Koenigsberg and Susan Unger for leading that evening.

A new feature of the evening this year was the silent reading of a special passage regarding the prayer for *nirtzah* or acceptance, which is reprinted here for those who were unable to attend.

Nirtzah Acceptance

In the sky above our city, the full moon of Nissem, the first full moon of spring, has begun to set. We have sung the familiar songs, and repeated the treasured words, our obligation to retell the story of the Passover is almost fulfilled. But the ceremony stands incomplete still; the rite performed, but not yet accepted.

Nirtzah is our prayer that our ceremony be accepted; that it be more than empty words. In it, we say "ka'asher zachinu l'sadeir oto, kein nizker la'asoto" -- "as we have been privileged to perform the ceremony, let us be found worthy to accomplish its purpose." We have spoken tonight of freedom, of longing for a better world, of remembering past troubles and the troubles of others. Now we must carry out our lofty words.

We began our retelling with the Ha Lachma -- "This is the bread of affliction; let all who are hungry come and eat." But throughout our world, we have sisters and brothers who are hungry and cannot come and eat: in the zone of death that stretches across northwest Africa, amid the plenty of our own cities, among the ill of our community. We have acknowledged our responsibility to all who are hungry; now we have come to the time of deciding whether our words will be accomplished -- whether they will be worthy of acceptance.

For this seder, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has established a "Maos Chit im" fund -- "Money for Bread". The synagogue will collect this money, and distribute all of it, for only one purpose: to feed hungry people. A check in the enclosed envelope given to a service leader or mailed to the synagogue could let a child sleep without hunger, or sustain a young man battling AIDS; it might, perhaps, save a life. It is with these envelopes that our seder can be fulfilled; with them in mind, we can ask that our service be accepted.

חסל סדור פסח בהלכותו.
בכל משפטו וחקתו;
כאשר יקני לסדר אותו.
בן נזכה לעשותו.
וד שובנו מעתה.
קומם קהל עדת מי קנה;
בקרב נהל וטעי כנה.
פרים לציון ברנה.

Complete is the Passover Seder, as its law directs,
Its customs and its rules obeyed.
As we have been privileged to perform its ceremonies,
So may we go on, to achieve its purpose.

Dweller on high,
Raise up all Your uncountable children;
Bring to their inheritance the growth of all Your vineyards --
Redeemed, to a new Zion in joy.

L'SHANA HAB'A' A BIYR USHALA YIM HAB'NUYAH!

NEXT YEAR IN A JERUSALEM AT PEACE, IN A WORLD AT PEACE!

CSZ Education Lecture Series

This Month's Lecture:

The Sephardic Experience

Prof. Daniel Khazoom

May 21, 8 p.m.

L.A.'s the Place

The International Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will be held October 31 through November 4 in Los Angeles. This Biennial will witness an historic first -- a presentation on homosexuality in Judaism. The hope is that this presentation will help congregations around the country, and in Canada, understand the needs and issues important to their gay and lesbian congregants.

Office Notes

The Synagogue receives periodic information on UAHC programs for kids under 18. All those who would like to be kept current on that type of information, please contact the office at 861-6932.

Also, a reminder to all committee chairs and others planning events: To avoid scheduling conflicts, please clear all dates with the master calendar kept in the office.

—Marilyn Hertzberg, Administrator

Va'ad Report

The April Va'ad meeting was held on the 8th at the shul. In her President's Report, Leila announced that Shirley Liberman will be a co-coordinator of Sha'ar Zahav's involvement in the upcoming Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade; and that once again, we've received a \$1,000 donation from the Sinai Memorial Chapel, which is to be used for religious and educational programming. David Stein, in his Treasurer's Report, presented the financial statement for the third quarter of the fiscal year. Our synagogue administrator, Marilyn Hertzberg, announced that she has begun to send out yahrzeit letters again and reminded committee chairs of the need for them to keep in close touch with her about their activities and upcoming meetings.

Old Business: The Va'ad voted to adopt the Funeral and Memorial Service Policy proposed by the Ritual Committee. The tentative budget for 1985-1986 proposed by the Finance Committee and the Treasurer was approved and will be presented at the upcoming annual Congregational Meeting. The Va'ad voted to support the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews by providing the funds for one member of the congregation to attend the Ninth International Conference in Washington this June as our delegate, and by donating money to the Congress to be earmarked to help the executive director (Aaron Cooper) attend their meetings. The Va'ad voted on the proposed Bylaw revisions (which will also be voted on by the Congregation at the May meeting) and applauded the Ritual Committee for the wonderful job they did conducting this year's Congregational Seder.

Committee Reports: The Finance Committee recommended to the Va'ad that in the future we ask for admission donations at social events to help us break even. The Building Committee announced that new locks for the synagogue were to be installed in April and presented the first detailed bid for the renovation of the second story of the synagogue. The Va'ad voted to have the committee set a \$26,000 limit on their plans and draw up a list of priorities for the renovation. The Women's Havurah announced the plans for the April 13 Blood Drive. Two new members were voted into our congregation after being presented by the Membership Committee. At the request of the Social Action Committee, the Va'ad voted to approve an honorarium of \$180 for the National Gay

Rights Task Force to thank them for the recent presentation by Jeff Levi.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the evening came with the Rabbi Search Committee's recommendation that the Va'ad endorse the rabbinical candidate interviewed in early April, and that he presented to the congregation at the May meeting. The unanimous vote of approval was followed by a spirited Shehechyanu and a round of applause for the committee's dedicated work. The Va'ad then voted to have the President appoint a committee of three or four people to negotiate a two-year contract with the Rabbi. Lastly, the Va'ad voted to approve a change in the budget line for the Rabbi's salary.

On behalf of the Va'ad, I'd like to take this chance to thank the members of the congregation who are not Va'ad members but who attended and participated in this very important meeting. You too can be a part of the action! Va'ad meetings are open to all members and are held on the second Monday of each month.

—Mark Mendelow, Recorder

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in *The Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past month by the following contributors:

For the General Fund—

Steve Elman, in honor of Leila Raim and Don Albert

Linda and Don Paul, in appreciation of Leila and Catherine's hospitality

For the Harvey Milk (Social Action) Fund—

Sharyn Saslafsky, in honor of the creators of a truly marvelous evening, Megillah Madness III

For the Building Fund—

Richard Inlander, in memory of his grandmother, Pearl Lewin

Sharyn Saslafsky, in honor of the CSZ Ensemble

Steve Elman, in appreciation of David Gellman

Jane Stone

For the Education Fund—

Jonathan Funk, in honor of the birth of his niece, Shoshana Aliza Funk, daughter of Joel and Melody Funk

Missing Issues

A plea to all "seasoned" members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav: We're missing several issues in *The Forward* archives. Please check your files to see if you have a copy we could have or photocopy for the synagogue archives and library. The missing issues are:

1978: June
September
October
November
1979: January
1980: January
1981: February
June
1982: February
April

If you have any of these copies, please drop them off at the Synagogue or give me a call at 431-7541.

—Alex Ingersoll, Editor

Remember

to keep us up to date. If you've moved, changed your name, have a new phone number, or wish to add a listing to our yahrzeit or anniversary records, please call or write the synagogue office.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our Congregation gained two new members in April. A warm welcome to our members:

David Rosen
Tal'Or BarShank

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			10 Iyar 1	11 2	12 3	13 4
					Candidates Night at Services	
14 5	15 6	16 7	17 8	18 9	19 10	20 11
Congregational Meeting & Elections	Torah Study 7-10pm		Soviet Vigil Green & Baker 11:30am	Lag Ba-omer	Newsletter Deadline	
21 12	22 13	23 14	24 15	25 16	26 17	27 18
Workshop: Hebrew Calligraphy 1-4	Va'ad Meeting 6:30pm Torah Study 7-10pm			Newsletter Comm. 130-E Landers		Brotherhood Moonlight Mikvah 8pm 861-6932
28 19	29 20	1 Sivan 21	2 22	3 23	4 24	5 25
	Torah Study 7-10pm	Rosh Chodesh Lecture 8pm				Tikkun Shavuot Service 7:30pm
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1st Day Shavuot	2nd Day Shavuot Torah Study 7-10pm	East Bay Lunch Group, Lenny 451-1850		Ritual Co.6:30pm 631 O'Farrell, Fl.2 Newsletter Mailing 7:30pm 11 Grandview Terr.		

Social Action

AIDS Food Drive

We're doing great! Our Food Drive for the SF AIDS Foundation began several months ago, and the baskets are still getting filled up. We are still making almost weekly deliveries to the Foundation office for use in their residence program. Let's keep filling the collection baskets located in the Oneg Room with dry or canned foods, household items and toiletries. If you bring just an item or two each week to Friday night services, it will help our brothers immensely.

Vigil for Soviet Jewry

Sha'ar Zahav is continuing to work with the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry to maintain a protest vigil in front of the Soviet Consulate at Green and Baker. Our time slot is always the second Wednesday of the month, so this month we're on for Wednesday, May 8 from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Placards are provided.

—Ron Lezell, Chair
Social Action Committee

Ritual Calendar

Friday, May 3
Parshah: Aharei Mot-Kedoshim,
Lev. 16:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15
Terry Rothchild, Services

Friday, May 10
Parshah: Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31
Daniel Chesir, Services

Friday, May 17
Parshah: BeHar-BeChukkotai,
Lev. 25:1-27:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Aaron Cooper and Eric Keitel,
Services

Friday, May 24
Parshah: Bamidbar, Num. 1:1-4:20
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22
Mike Rankin, Services

Saturday, May 25
Tikkun Shavuot Service, 7:30 pm

Friday, May 31
Parshah: Naso, Num. 4:21-7:89
Haftarah: Judges, 13:2-25
Steve Greenberg, Services

Friday night services begin at 8:15 in the sanctuary of our synagogue, located at 220 Danvers at Caselli in San Francisco.

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So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Aunt Yente,

Sometimes, I see a dog in our sanctuary at services, and I know this cannot be right. Is a Jew even permitted to own a dog?

Fastidious on Filbert

Dear Fastidious,

This depends on whether there is a wholesale pet shop in the neighborhood. (Oy. Aunt Yente has to stop with these kind of jokes.) Strictly and traditionally speaking, the answer to your last question is no. The rabbis said that we should not own dogs, because the amount of attention they require would divert our mind from studying the Torah. (Lovers have been known to cause the same problem, but this the rabbis did not mention.)

You might think that there should be no problem as long as you don't give the dog much attention; this would leave enough time to study the Torah. (How much attention you give to your lover may also enter into it. It had better.) But here you would run into another, more central Jewish law: our obligation to treat animals with respect.

The Bible itself has many laws prohibiting cruelty to animals. If an ox is used to crush grain, it cannot be muzzled, but must be permitted to eat some of the grain. (If Aunt Yente had not been thinking of this rule while she was cooking for the seder, she still might fit into some of her clothing.) Jews are not permitted to castrate animals, or to pass by an animal fallen under its burden without helping. The Torah also requires "sh'luach hakan"—when eggs or young birds are taken from a nest, the mother must first be chased away, not only so that she can build another nest somewhere else, but also so that she is spared the anguish of seeing her children taken. For similar reasons, the Bible prohibits cooking an animal in the milk of its mother. Also, there is Shabbat, which is a day of rest for our animals as well as for ourselves.

As usual, the rabbis added laws in the same direction. If you own an animal, for example, the rabbis require you to feed it before you sit down to eat, because it is dependent on you. Even on Yom Kippur, when you are fasting, the animals must be fed. (You get an extra mitzvah for resisting the temptation to taste the Nine Lives.) Any needless cruelty to animals is forbidden.

These specifics are part of something larger. At the very beginning of the Torah,

God says that humans will be made in God's image, and so will rule over the animals. So in certain ways, our relationship to other animals is like God's relationship to us; and the *chesed*, the love and kindness God shows us, should guide what we do to all the b'heimas. It is possible to go even further. The Baal Shem Tov taught that *everything* in creation contained a spark of holiness, and that a righteous person acts with kindness even towards objects. (And, kinderlach, he did not just mean putting an extra coat of wax on the BMW.) If even objects deserve respect, simply because they are part of what God made, how much more the animals, who like us were given life.

So the idea of owning a dog but not giving it attention Aunt Yente must reject. But anyone who promises both to pay attention to the dog and to study Torah, Aunt Yente will give her permission, and an official J.D.L. (Jewish Dog License).

But you were asking not only about owning a dog, but also about having it in shul. Again, traditional Jews say no, on the grounds that the dog is unclean. (The Torah specifically says at one point that dogs are not a fit subject to be discussed in the sanctuary.) Aunt Yente is also not crazy about dogs in shul. For one thing, they can never keep track of the handouts. More seriously, the tradition against their being there is important enough to some people that it seems better not to create a problem. Also, the dogs of Aunt Yente's acquaint-

tance are not terribly fond of services (particularly when certain people lead the singing) and are likely to have a much happier Shabbos in the back yard, maybe with a bone to say kiddush over.

The preceeding, however, only applies to ordinary dogs. (Oy! Aunt Yente knows—*your* dog is not ordinary. Of course not. So better she should say, "non-working dogs.") Non-working dogs are better they should be at home; but the dog in our sanctuary is a horse of a different color (you should pardon the expression). Our canine congregant is a seeing-eye dog, who enables a member to walk to shul every Friday. So whatever weight you might give the laws of ritual purity, it goes without saying (actually, with your Aunt Yente, nothing goes without saying) that more important is a law from Chapter 19 of Vayikroh: Do not put a stumbling block before the blind. Because you know what, kinderlach? When we say we have to be kind to all other living things, it means that we even have to be decent to each other.

Aunt Yente

Aunt Yente will answer all your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters. Just write to Aunt Yente in care of *The Forward*, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, CA 94114. Only a limited number of questions can be answered in *The Forward*, so if you want a personal answer, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All material © 1985 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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During the month of March, Friday night Onegs were sponsored by the following generous persons:

March 8—Ben Schalit, celebrating his new job

March 15—Richard Inlander, in memory of Ted Mendonca, his lover, and Pearl Lewin, his grandmother (Oneg and flowers)

March 22—Jerry Rosenstein, in honor of Judah Katz's birthday

March 29—Mike Lipson, in memory of his grandmother, Betty Litovich; Flowers by Mike Rankin in honor of Isabel Fishman's birthday

All you have to do to sponsor an Oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932), or contact Peter Abinanti at 441-0276 or at an Oneg. The cost of sponsoring an Oneg is \$50 (partial sponsorship available) or you can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Calendar for 5745/5746

June 1985

Thu 6-Sun 9

9th Int'l Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews, Washington, D.C.

Mon 10 Va'ad Meeting

Sun 30 Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade

July 1985

Fri 12-Sun 14

Leadership Advance
Wildwood Ranch

Mon 15 Va'ad Meeting

August 1985

Mon 12 Va'ad Meeting

Sun 18 Castro Street Fair

September 1985

Sun 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mon 16 Rosh Hashanah

Tue 24 Kol Nidre

Wed 25 Yom Kippur

Sun 29 Erev Succot

Mon 30 1st Day Succot

October 1985

Thu 31 Int'l UAHC Biennial opens in Los Angeles

November 1985

Tue 5 Last day of Int'l UAHC Biennial

B'nai Mitzvah for BCC

On April 27, Beth Chayim Chadashim celebrated its 13th anniversary with a first Annual Dinner Dance Celebration at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. We sent our greetings and congratulations

with a full-page message in a program book published for the occasion. This message is reprinted here for all of us to share in the greeting.

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To our friends at Beth Chayim Chadashim,

It is with great pleasure that we send our congratulations to you on the celebration of your B'nai Mitzvah. Over the last 13 years, you have been a pathfinder in the move for equality for gay and lesbian Jews throughout the world.

As a sibling congregation, BCC has been an inspiration to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, providing us with support and encouragement over the years.

On this joyous occasion, *Mazal Tov—ad Mei'ah v'Esrim!* Congratulations and may you prosper as a congregation for many, many years.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 p.m., with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. – check calendar for each month.

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May Birthdays!

- 1 Avner Lapovsky
- 3 Marion Trentman
- 6 Joyce Amburgey
- 6 Aaron Garay Buchbinder
- 8 Stephanie Hannaford
- 10 Lawney B.
- 17 Ed Gabay
- 18 David Stein
- 20 Steven Richter
- 21 Jerry Rosenstein
- 29 Eric Keitel

May Yahrzeits

- 1 Moise Affias, Grandfather of David Kotch
- 1 Benjamin Katz, Grandfather of Judah Katz
- 6 (15 Iyar) Rebecca Snyderman, Grandmother of Randy Heilbrunn
- 6 (15 Iyar) Harry Skolnik, Grandfather of Hal Heller
- 7 (16 Iyar) Abe Schorr, Father of Cynthia Schorr
- 8 (17 Iyar) Frances Raim, Mother of Leila Raim
- 14 Harold Leben, Uncle of Rob Tat
- 15 (24 Iyar) Goldie Markson Rosen, Mother of Barry Rosen
- 15 Stella Timmin, Great Grandaunt of Lisa Daniel
- 18 Blair Isrow, Cousin of Steve Cronenwalt
- 18 (27 Iyar) Max Podgur, Father of Hal Podgur
- 19 Hyman Feinstein, Father of Jay Feinstein
- 21 Alfred Richter, Father of Steve Richter
- 21 Marvin Saslafsky, Father of Sharyn Saslafsky

- 26 Ida Parker, Mother of Harold Parker
- 27 Carolyn Drew Morris, Grandmother of Laurie Radovsky
- 30 Rose Jacobstein, Aunt of Betty Kalis
- 30 Steven Koenigsberg, Friend of Don Albert
- 30 (10 Sivan) David Radovsky, Grandfather of Laurie Radovsky
- 30 Mary Thal, Mother of Sam Thal
- 30 Morton Lobos Wilkes, Brother of Shelley Fernandez

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